

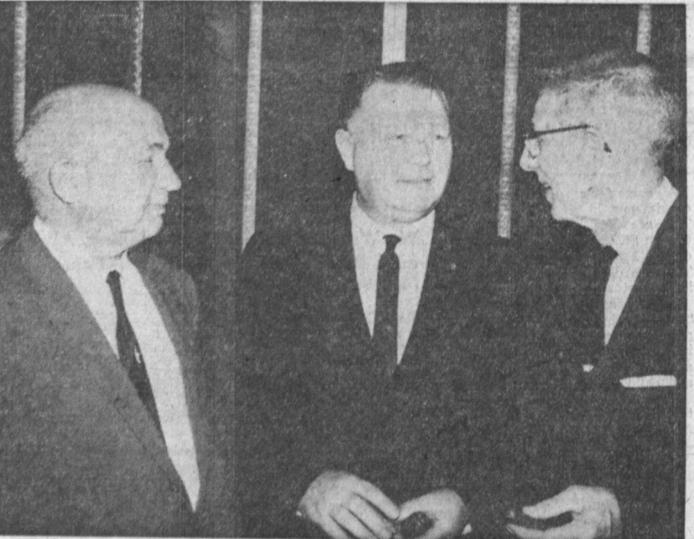
Drivers Victimized by Insurance (Story Page 1-B)

Policeman Assigned to Halt Litter



DAWN PATROL—Officer Bob Lydon this week was assigned to police the downtown area for litter and write citations where indicated. So far no arrests have been made. Lydon said the merchants are most cooperative, want clean city above all. Biggest

plague is the daily breeze, which scatters litter all over town. This week it reached speeds like a hurricane. Police are backing Mayor Ison's one-man campaign, which he said he would abandon if he didn't get help. City Council is studying action on trash containers. —Press Photo



VISITORS AND HOST—J. C. Womack, Robert Bradford and J. A. Beasley, chairman of Inter-City Councilmen's Committee, confer after freeway meeting at Cockatoo Inn.

Councilmen Told What to Expect in Freeways

What this area may expect in freeway construction during the visible future was outlined by top state officials at a meeting of the South Bay Inter-City Councilmen's Committee Thursday night.

Principal concern was progress of the Long Beach freeway from Jefferson to 174th St.

Edward T. Telford, assistant state highway engineer for District 7 here, said there was no sense in building little isolated sections of freeway. He answered a question as to why the route is not being developed here, where the need is critical.

"Everyone's need is critical. Yours is critical because it is yours," Telford told a group of about 50 councilmen and mayors. "But there is little to be gained by building a strip where you can barrel along for a mile or two to where you're no better off."

The freeway program, he explained, is going according to a plan, disruption of which would throw the entire project into chaos.

Other speakers were J. C. Womack, state highway engineer, and Robert Bradford, state director of public works, from Sacramento.

No matter what section of freeway is undertaken, all other areas complain theirs was not

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MONUMENTAL—Edward Telford, assistant state highway engineer, tells mayors, councilmen freeways are biggest things of kind ever undertaken. Seated is Marga Cunerty, secretary. —Press Photos

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Fired for Politics, Fireman to Battle

De Armitt, Unions Will Take Case to U. S. Supreme Court

Wife Shocked, Says Suffrage Under Attack



HONORED—Dick DeArmitt (left), under charges of political activity, accepts award for Fire Fighters he led in drive to raise more than \$4000 for YMCA. Y's Joe Wilcox does honors. —Press Photo

Statement of Charges

Gentlemen: I am herewith presenting and filing with you this written statement of charges against Fireman Richard L. DeArmitt, which in my judgment, justifies expulsion of Fireman DeArmitt from the service of the City. A copy of this statement will be served on Mr. DeArmitt and an affidavit of service filed with your honorable body as soon as possible.

The charges are as follows: Count I That Fireman DeArmitt on or about April 1, 1960 and at various times during the period March 15, 1960 to and including April 12, 1960, violated the provisions of Article VII, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Torrance by taking an active part in the 1960 Municipal Election campaign.

Count II That Fireman DeArmitt on or about April 1, 1960 and at various times during the period March 15, 1960 to and including April 12, 1960 violated the provisions of subsection (b) of Section 45030 of the Government Code of the State of California by taking an active part in the 1960 Torrance Municipal Election campaign.

Count III That Fireman DeArmitt on or about April 1, 1960 and at various times during the period of March 15, 1960 to and including April 12, 1960 violated the provisions of subsection (c) of Section 8.26 of the Code of the City of Torrance, 1954 by rendering a political service for candidates for the office of Councilman of the City of Torrance, to wit: Nicholas O. Drale, David Vierra Figueredo and R. I. (Pat) Hogue.

The specifications on which said charges and each of them are based are as follows: A. That Fireman DeArmitt on the dates set forth in the charges placed or caused to be placed on Crenshaw Boulevard near Carson Street in front of the central fire station a Chevrolet pick-up truck owned by Fireman DeArmitt bearing California license No. MSM-247, on the sides and hood of which were displayed signs advertising the candidacy of Nicholas O. Drale, Roger I. (Pat) Hogue and David Vierra Figueredo.

B. That Fireman DeArmitt on the dates set forth in the charges drove, caused to be driven or knowingly permitted to be driven throughout the streets of the City of Torrance, a truck owned by Fireman DeArmitt bearing California license No. MSM-247, on the sides and hood of which were displayed signs advertising the candidacy of Nicholas O. Drale, Roger I. (Pat) Hogue and David Vierra Figueredo.

C. That Fireman DeArmitt on or about April 1, 1960 wrote or caused to be written a letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

D. That Fireman DeArmitt on or about April 1, 1960 printed or duplicated or caused to be printed or duplicated for circulation said letter attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

E. That Fireman DeArmitt on the dates set forth in the charges circulated or caused to be circulated said letter attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

In my judgment, the conduct of Fireman DeArmitt justifies his dismissal from the service. This statement of charges shall constitute a discharge of Fireman DeArmitt from the classified service of the city, the operation of which discharge I hereby suspend pending the decision of your honorable body.

April 20, 1960. J. J. BENNER, Chief Torrance Fire Department

I concur in the aforesaid statement of charges, concur in the judgment of the Fire Chief that the conduct of Fireman DeArmitt justifies his dismissal from the service, and concur in the discharge of Fireman DeArmitt and the suspension thereof. GEORGE W. STEVENS, City Manager

Dick DeArmitt, Torrance fireman and president of the Fire Fighters, today declared he will fight his firing by Chief J. J. Benner all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

DeArmitt Friday was ordered dismissed on charges of actively participating in the recent municipal election campaign in behalf of Nick Drale, Dave Figueredo, and Pat Hogue.

It was charged he plastered his truck with stickers and caused his wife to write and circulate a letter in favor of the candidates in violation of a city ordinance and state law.

DeArmitt's wife, Loradelle, said she was shocked by the action, which was filed with the Civil Service Commission.

"I thought suffrage had been granted women," she said. "I certainly didn't know I lost my rights just because my husband works for the city."

DeArmitt, whose firing has been held up pending action by the Civil Service Commission, expressed equal shock and surprise.

His own union said they will back him 100% in his fight with the city, and the state Fire-fighters called to lend their complete support.

DeArmitt, through his attorney, Joseph Tabak of Beverly Hills, is denying all allegations. He said he violated no law and did not actively participate in politics while in employ of the city.

"My wife paid for the letter she wrote from money she makes ironing and doing other jobs. In the evening she cleans a medical clinic," DeArmitt said.

His wife also is active in PTA, teaches Sunday school, is a Brownie den mother, and does

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Motor Officer Hurt in Chase

Motorcycle Officer Tom Wooldrige was hurt Thursday night when he crashed into a car while chasing a speeder.

Wooldrige said the car, driven by Adam J. Hoffman of 3325 W. 183rd St., appeared suddenly in front of him. He laid the cycle down and slid into the car at 190th and Crenshaw.

His injuries were minor.



TOM WOOLDRIDGE



LORADELLE DeARMITT "I thought we had suffrage!" —Press Photo

Mrs. DeArmitt's Letter

Dear Neighbor:

As a wife of a Torrance City Employee and a mother of 3 children I'm naturally interested in having a City Government that will make Torrance a better place in which to live and raise our children. Therefore, I favor candidates who have served the community and have given their time unselfishly to this cause. The following candidates for City Council have backgrounds and qualifications that I feel would enable them to serve in this manner.

Nick Drale: A member of the City Council where he has an enviable record of service in the past. He's already established value of this man should be utilized by re-electing him for another term.

Dave Figueredo: Has been a resident of our City for 33 years and has a past record of service to the community. A former member of the Planning Commission and an outstanding leader of youth and civic service organizations.

Pat Hogue: Has served on the City Water Commission and is the president of the Southwest Park Civic Association. He has been a leader in Little League activities for the past 7 years and is Torrance Youth Baseball Commissioner for 1960.

I hope that you too feel as I do and will pass this word along to your neighbor so that all of us working and voting together may enjoy a better place to live. LORADELLE J. DeARMITT P.S.: Take your sample ballot to the polls with you marked with these names.

Pupils Publish Newspaper with Date of 1791

A Yukon School class has combined the study of newspapers and American history by putting out a newspaper dated 1791.

Paul Sittel's seventh and eighth-grade class made a study of newspapers today, writing stories and finding out how newspapers operate.

To put what they learned into practice, they decided to put out a newspaper telling of events which might have interested their colonial forefathers.

Covering the period from 1777 to 1791, the class newspaper bears such headlines as "Constitution signed," "Bill of Rights Completed," "Cotton Gin Completed," "Tax of Whiskey Causes Uprising," "Government Takes Shape," and "Congress Passes Bill for Northwest."

The newspaper is called the "Pennsylvania Informer."